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New provost starts, Durgin moved to new position



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Bill Durgin, right, stepped down from his position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs yesterday as incoming Provost Robert Koob was ushered in. Pictured here with Durgin is College of Engineering Dean Mohammed Noori, who championed the controversial proposed deal with Jubail University College under Durgin's leadership.

Alisha Axsom
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Bill Durgin, Cal Poly's provost for the last two years, was moved to a new position as University Executive for Research and External Support while the interim provost, Robert Koob, officially took the reins Monday.

Koob, now the second-highest ranking official on campus, will have to deal with increasing budget cuts as the economy continues to be unstable.

"Having strong leadership through the budget crisis is going to be important," said College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky. "I personally have faith in the president's choice and we all plan to give the new provost our support."

Durgin was known for his involvement with the

still-pending proposed deal with Jubail University College in Saudi Arabia. The deal created tension on campus last year, especially with some professors in the mechanical engineering department who claimed certain minority faculty members would be excluded from participating because of Saudi Arabia's strict cultural biases.

"Durgin wasn't a bad guy, but he didn't have a lot of support in his decisions, especially in dealing with the dean of engineering," said Unny Menon, industrial and mechanical engineering professor.

A July article in the San Luis Obispo Tribune noted that while some engineering faculty wanted their dean, Mohammad Noori, replaced, "university officials say (he) has performed well since he was hired three years ago." Durgin would have been responsible

\$241,488
- outgoing Provost Bill Durgin's 2007-08 salary.

* New information on Durgin's salary in his new position, and incoming Provost Robert Koob's new salary were not yet available.

* Salary information from public records.

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Character attacks emerge in McCain-Obama race

Charles Babington
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The two men who supposedly exemplified a different kind of politics are engaged in an increasingly bitter campaign as character attacks are emerging to compete with issues like the troubled economy.

With the election four weeks away, chances dimmed that Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama could reclaim the often lofty images they cultivated early in their presidential bids as their campaigns focused new attention Monday on decades-old events involving a former radical from Chicago and a convicted thrift owner from Arizona.

McCain's campaign added another figure when his running mate, Sarah Palin, said there should be more discussion of Obama's incendiary former pastor, Jeremiah Wright.

Obama and McCain faced cameras Monday with harsh words for each other. Obama, taking a break from debate prep in Asheville, N.C., accused McCain's campaign of "smear tactics."

In Albuquerque, N.M., McCain delivered an unusually scathing broadside. He accused Obama of lying about McCain's efforts to regulate the home loan industry. And he suggested Obama is a mysterious figure who cannot be trusted.

"Who is the real Barack Obama?" McCain said to a cheering crowd. "Ask such questions and all you get in response is another barrage of angry insults."

Some analysts called the change in tone disappointing but predictable. Presidential candidates who are losing on policy issues often turn to character, they said.

As McCain's poll standings fell along with the economy, his campaign began the new character criticisms and used Palin to spearhead the push. Obama's campaign didn't wait long to respond.

Brookings Institution political scientist Thomas E. Mann said he had felt for months that McCain "would eventually have to try to undermine Obama as an acceptable choice for president and commander in chief." Key issues, he said, including "an economy in turmoil, an unpopular war and a politically discredited president are working powerfully against McCain and the Re-

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In going green, Cal Poly makes the grade

REPORT CARD

Name: Cal Poly

SUBJECT	GRADE
Administration	B
Food & Recycling	A
Green Building	C
Student Involvement	C
Transportation	B
Overall Grade	B-

Alisha Axsom
MUSTANG DAILY

The grades are in and the report card is out. The Web site Greenreportcard.org just released new sustainability grades for 300 universities and Cal Poly received a B- in its first year of evaluation.

"In the B's is probably about right for universities that are moving in the direction of sustainability," said ASI President Angela Kramer, who based much of her campaign on advocating for sustainable practices. "Progress doesn't happen overnight."

"I think it's a positive thing," said Campus Sustainability Manager Dennis Elliot. "There's always room for improvement."

The College Sustainability Report Card, put out by the non-profit organization Sustainable Endowments Institute, is the "only independent evaluation of campus and endowment sustainability activities at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada" according to the institute's Web site.

The universities with the 300 largest endowment funds are graded

on sustainability practices in nine categories ranging from green building to transportation to student involvement in sustainability issues.

Fifteen schools received an A-, the highest grade to be awarded this year. Stanford was the only school in California out of 22 evaluated to earn this grade.

"We've done a lot and we're the only CSU to be evaluated," Elliot said.

Cal Poly received an A in food and recycling, the highest grade the organization awards, for buying produce from the Cal Poly Organic Farm and other local sellers. The campus also has a widespread recycling program and all campus eateries use recyclable or compostable take-out containers.

The lowest grades, all C's, were in green building, student involvement and investment priorities. The Sustainable Endowments Institute noted that Cal Poly is trying to get two buildings LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified and doesn't invest in any renewable energy funds.

"I think it says a lot that we're willing to put ourselves out there and be evaluated," Elliot said.

Some at Cal Poly had their doubts about the weight of the report card.

"I don't know about the validity of the report

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publican Party in general."

Obama, meanwhile, has learned the lessons of Michael Dukakis and John Kerry. Those Democrats lost presidential elections after hesitating to counter hard-hitting and factually dubious attacks on their character and judgment. The short-hand terms for those attacks — "Willie Horton" and "Swiftboating" — have become a call-to-arms for Democratic activists who vow always to return fire with fire.

"We don't throw the first punch, but we'll throw the last," Obama said Monday on Tom Joyner's syndicated radio show.

Several Democrats said on Sunday talk shows that Obama's campaign would revisit McCain's long-ago involvement in the thrift scandal if the personal attacks on him continued. Within hours, the Obama campaign released a memo and Web video doing just that.

Obama and McCain have hit each other at personal levels before. But the vitriol increased dramatically Saturday, when Palin repeatedly raised Obama's relationship with former 1960s radical Bill Ayers.

Obama, she said, was "palling around with terrorists who would target their own country."

Ayers helped found the violent Weather Underground group, whose members were blamed for several bombings when Obama was 8. Obama has denounced Ayers' radical views and activities.

The two men live near each other in Chicago, and once worked on the same charity board. Ayers hosted a small, meet-the-candidate event for Obama in 1995, at the start of his political career, but multiple news accounts have said they are not close. The campaign called Palin's remarks outrageous and grossly exaggerated.

A 13-minute Web video Obama's campaign released Monday revisits McCain's ties to Charles Keating, a former friend, campaign contributor and savings and loan owner who was convicted of securities fraud in 1991.

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As a senator, McCain participated in two meetings with banking regulators on Keating's behalf. He became one of the "Keating Five" senators investigated by the Senate ethics committee. The panel cited McCain for a lesser role than others, but criticized his "poor judgment."

McCain has since called his involvement with Keating "the worst mistake of my life."

McCain and Obama say they are dredging up Ayers and Keating because the episodes shed light on each other's current judgment — and because the other campaign is on the attack, though a McCain aide said the GOP campaign wanted to change the subject from the failing economy.

A few months ago, both candidates promised something better.

Obama, extolling a new brand of politics, told an Iowa audience in January: "We can't afford the same old partisan food fight. We can't afford a politics that's all about tearing opponents down instead of lifting the country up."

McCain, shaken by a vicious whisper campaign in South Carolina that helped George W. Bush beat him there during the 2000 Republican primaries, has often vowed to be a straight-shooting candidate who puts honor ahead of winning. When Republicans attacked fellow retired Navy Officer Kerry in the 2004 "Swiftboat" episode, McCain called the ads "dishonest and dishonorable."

Earlier in this campaign when the North Carolina Republican Party said Obama's relationship with Rev. Wright made him "too extreme," McCain asked it to stop and said: "There's no place for that kind of campaigning, and the American people don't want it."

The new tone may depress many, but a top independent pollster in the battleground state of Pennsylvania said it's unlikely to change many minds.

"The economy is so dominant and the change focus so great, I just don't think voters are going to buy into it," said Terry Madonna, a political scientist at Franklin and Marshall College.

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card," said Chad Worth, former president of the Empower Poly Coalition. "It seems very subjective."

Worth didn't think the site graded Cal Poly's level of student involvement fairly.

"We have a lot more stuff going on than other campuses," he said. "We're going to keep doing what we're doing, but not based on the grade. We definitely can do a lot better."

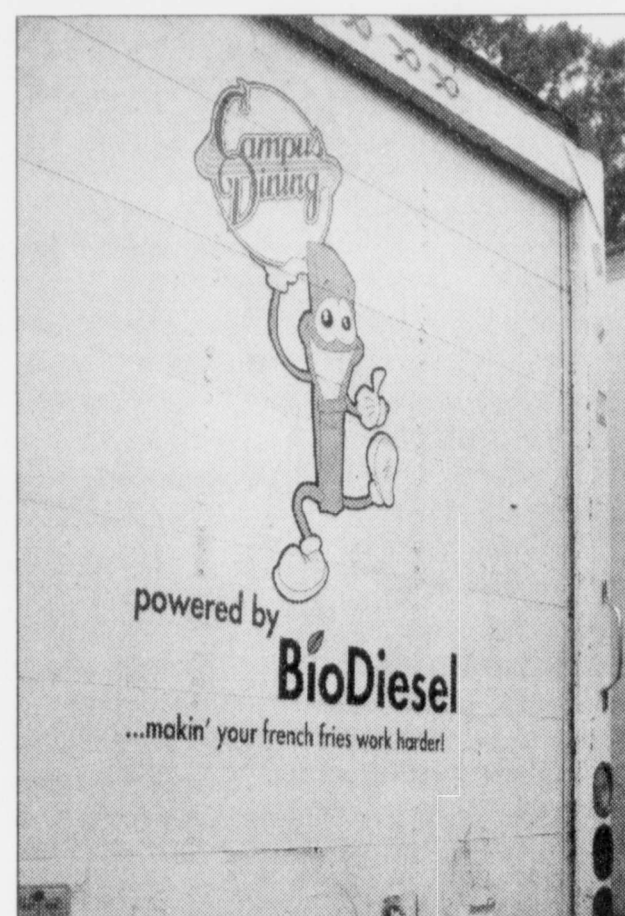
Anyone who wants to see exactly how each school was graded and awarded points can look at the institute's Web site under "Methodology," which details how the institute says it remains unbiased.

Kramer thinks Cal Poly is heading in the right direction, but noted that budget cuts facing the university hinder the process.

"Regardless of the passion (you have for sustainability), budget cuts get in the way," Kramer said. "Right now we're just trying to build the buildings."

In addition to getting new buildings LEED certified, Kramer has plans to institute plans for universal composting and zero-waste at Cal Poly. Elliot said the university is looking for other energy sources to use on campus.

"Education comes first," she said. "It's a process."



PATRICK FINA MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly has been instituting more sustainable practices on campus, especially in the area of campus dining.

Provost

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for replacing Noori because the provost oversees all college deans.

Menon said he felt the provost got the brunt of the criticism for the JUC proposal when engineering Dean Noori should have taken care of it.

"Durgin seemed to be a guy who people liked, but some people couldn't figure out where he wanted to take the university," said Richard Saenz, California Faculty Association Chair and Cal Poly physics professor.

When asked why he thought Durgin was moved to a new position, Saenz said, "who knows what the real reasons are?"

The search for a provost takes time and some question why Durgin was moved after only two years if he was doing as well as university officials claim.

said, citing budget cuts and the economy.

In an e-mail to Cal Poly faculty, Durgin wrote about accepting his new position, which will allow him "to focus sharply on issues critical to the future of the university including funding, graduate education, and academic technologies."

Durgin had interest in helping the university with federal funding programs, University President Warren Baker said at the Oct. 1 Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors meeting.

His duties will include developing a Professional Science Master's degree and doing an environmental scan of higher education to analyze efficiency of information technology and learning resources, Baker said.

Sandra Ogren, the vice-president for advancement, said she expects to work with Durgin on these issues.

"We're working on increasing technology use at Cal Poly and developing new master's programs," Ogren said. "I look forward to working with him."

Koob was provost at Cal Poly from 1990 to 1995 and will be joining the university as an interim provost for a maximum of two years during which a permanent replacement for Durgin will be found.

Halisky said she didn't know much about Koob except that he had been at Cal Poly previously during another time of large budget cuts.

"He had to make some hard decisions, I think, and the president has a lot of faith in his decision (making)," Halisky said.

Koob was unavailable for comment as he was out of town during press time.



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Northern California bus crash leaves 10 dead



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Cher Vang, left, and her husband, Thaopor Yang, search for her mother who was aboard a charter bus that crashed, near Williams, Calif.

Judy Lin

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A casino-bound charter bus with an invalid license plate drifted off the road and then swerved back, sending it tumbling into a ditch and eject-

California Highway Patrol spokesman Patrick Landreth said.

The bus, which left from Sacramento, crashed 10 miles short of its destination, the Colusa Casino Resort. Nobody from the bus was identified; many of the passengers were Laotian.

"It looks like they were going up to the casino to have a good time," California Highway Patrol Commander Fran Clader said Monday. "Unfortunately, it resulted in tragedy."

Clader said 10 people were dead and estimated that 35 others were injured.

Authorities did not say why they think the driver veered off the road.

Firefighters used flashlights and infrared sensors to search the tall grass near the overturned bus Sunday night for more victims, but by early Monday were certain they had accounted for all the victims. The mud-

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ing passengers as it rolled, police said. Ten people were killed and dozens injured.

The bus flipped over at about 6:10 p.m. Sunday on a rural road, throwing some passengers and crushing others before it landed right-side up,

Annual kokanee salmon run under way at Lake Tahoe

One of Lake Tahoe's most popular nature shows of the year is off to a promising start.

Thousands of kokanee salmon are swimming up Taylor Creek off the lake's south shore as part of their annual spawning ritual.

U.S. Forest Service officials said while the run doesn't typically peak until mid-October, it's off to a good start. They said as many as 50,000 of the fish may make the journey upstream this year.

Landlocked cousins of the seagoing sockeye salmon, the kokanee were introduced to Lake Tahoe in 1944 by biologists, said Forest Service spokesman Rex Norman.

They quickly adapted to the alpine environment, joining brown and rainbow trout and mackinaw as Tahoe's most popular game fish.

"Each autumn, nature calls mature kokanee to return to the streams from which they were

hatched, select a mate and die," Norman said.

"As that time approaches, adult males develop a humped back and a heavy, hooked jaw, equipping them for the inevitable battles over both mates and territory, and both sexes turn from their usual silver-blue color to a brilliant red," he added.

The run coincides with this weekend's 19th annual Kokanee Salmon Festival at the Forest Service Visitor Center.

The center, 3 miles north of South Lake Tahoe on Highway 89, features the Taylor Creek Stream Profile Chamber, where visitors can get a below-the-surface view of the kokanee. Earlier this week, a young bear was seen trying to catch some of the fish as visitors looked on.

The event also includes a salmon feed, a half half marathon and other races, and educational programs and booths.

-Associated Press

State Briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — San Luis Obispo County parks officials want to turn a nude beach into a family-friendly destination. They plan to ask the Board of Supervisors to consider purchasing 32 acres of Pirates Cove, a stretch of sand south of Avila Beach.

Although the beach is on private property, county general services director Janette Pell said many people go there to sunbathe in the buff.

If supervisors agree to buy the land for \$1.25 million, Pell said they would have to consider an ordinance restricting the current clothing-optional behavior of some visitors.

Officials say the purchase would allow rangers to patrol the nearby parking lot and trail, where there have been numerous arrests for drug use and lewd activities.

YUBA CITY, Calif. (AP) — The California Highway Patrol says a 47-year-old Stockton man was text messaging when he was killed in a traffic accident over the weekend.

Officers said the man was eastbound Saturday on Franklin Road in Sutter County when he lost control of his pickup truck and hit a steel beam and a tree. The truck rolled over several times.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The number of students sickened by a contagious gastrointestinal virus at the University of Southern California has grown to about 200. The university says, however, that Monday's classes are operating normally.

USC students began coming to medical facilities during the weekend with symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. The university says the symptoms last one or two days and in most cases can be managed with rest and fluids.



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Tuesday, Oct 14
11 – noon, Business, 3/206
- **Alumni Career Panel**
Wednesday, Oct 15
11 – noon, Career Services, 124/117
- **Interview Skills Employer Panel**
Wednesday, Oct 15
3 – 4 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Fall Job Fair
Thursday, Oct 16 in the Rec Center
Networking: 9:30 – 2
Interviews: 2 – 5:30
Over 175 employers!

Careers in Consulting Panel
Thursday, Oct 16
4 – 5 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Interview Skills Workshop
Tuesday, Oct 28
11 – noon, Career Services, 124/224

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Tuesday, Oct 28
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Bus

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covered bus was pulled from the ditch and was on a large tow truck.

Just before the accident, the bus veered off the two-lane road for about half a mile before the driver "overcorrected" and swerved back, Landreth said.

"The roof was collapsed down, the windows were broken out, and the bus was not only rolled over onto its side, it rolled completely over," Landreth said. "It was facing the opposite direction and it was on its wheels."

Authorities had not determined the name of the charter company

early Monday morning.

The bus had "Greyhound" marked on its side. But a Greyhound official said it was no longer operated by the company.

"It is not our bus. We sold it more than two years ago," said Kim Plaskett, the Greyhound spokeswoman. "It is an old bus."

CHP spokesman Robert Kays said the bus had a Texas license plate that was "not valid." He said other registration serial numbers also came up invalid.

"There are still several pieces of this puzzle that's missing," Kays said. "We will find out who owns the bus."

CHP dispatcher Terry Troth said no other cars appeared to be in-

volved in the crash.

Troth said he did not know the extent of the injuries. He said emergency responders were having trouble communicating with the passengers because many spoke Lao.

Clader said helicopters took victims to several area hospitals.

The crash took place in an area of rice fields and orchards a few miles east of Interstate 5 just north of Williams.

Laura Hennum, a spokeswoman for Enloe Medical Center, said 12 victims were admitted to the hospital. She said one died, three were in critical condition and two were in serious condition. Six other patients were being evaluated Sunday night.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Do you think Cal Poly is sustainable?"



"Yeah, we use all our resources quite well."

-Joey Jordan,
kinesiology freshman

"Yeah, I think we're doing a good job."

-Hayley Kelly,
animal science freshman



"Yes, because Cal Poly has multiple programs to help."

-Jerae Byrd,
biology sophomore

"I think we're conscience about being sustainable but we could do better."

-Heather Berby,
agriculture business junior



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Poly choirs sing from all majors

Samantha MacConnell
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The Cal Poly Choirs' music resonates far and wide not just because of the vocal abilities of its singers, but also because singers themselves come together from colleges and majors around the university.

The music department's Cal Poly Choirs consists of three vocal ensembles: Polyphonics, The University Singers and The Early Music Ensemble. Surprisingly, music majors make up a small portion of the choir participants.

"I love it here because I do have this mix of students and many of our non-majors have as beautiful voices as our music majors," said Thomas Davies, conductor and director of choral activities and vocal studies who has been at Cal Poly for 27 years.

"That's what this department is all about," he added. "It's for getting all these vast varieties of students, which we have on this campus, involved and many of them become lifelong friends, and they are not all in the same department."

Although there is a difference in majors among the choir students, they are all there for the same reason; they love to sing. Being able to come together and share this common interest has not only been a pleasure for the professors, but the students, as well.

"Singing with a group is such an amazing experience," said industrial engineering senior Jonathan Eipper, who is a member of both Polyphonics and The University Singers.

"Singing with other people who know what they're doing and hearing the harmonies blend is such a wonderful feeling every day."

Polyphonics is a 45 to 48 member group that performs everything from folk songs to spirituals, to music based on poems. The University Singers is made up of 70 to 80 students, but has had up to 100 members, and primarily performs works for larger ensembles. The Early Music Ensemble, an 8 to 12 member group, performs works that date back before 1800.

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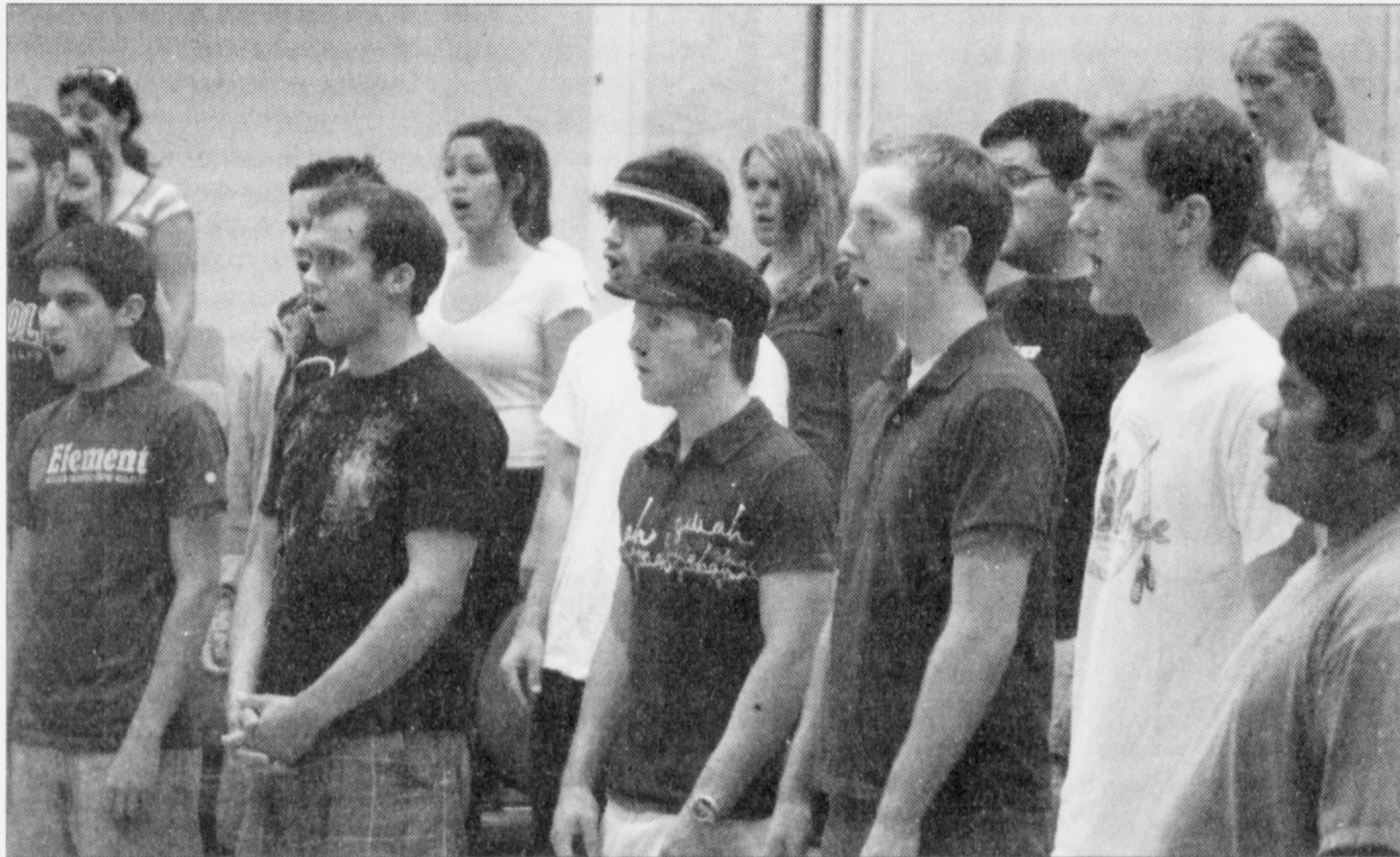


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Members of PolyPhonics rehearse here for an upcoming performance. The group will participate in collaboration with other Cal Poly choirs in "American Idols" on Oct. 25 in the Performing Arts Center.

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All Home Soccer Matches played in Alex G. Spanos Stadium

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"We certainly have a lot of diverse genres that we go through," Eipper said. Eipper, who was born and raised in Texas, came to Cal Poly for engineering. He grew up playing the trumpet and joined choir in high school. Like many high school graduates, he did not think he would sing again, until he realized his passion for music did not fade. He involved himself in choir his freshman year and is glad he did.

"It's definitely been one of the best choices I've made at Cal Poly," Eipper said. "It's certainly a freedom from engineering at the end of the day when I go to choir and go home on a happy note."

Other students turn to the choirs as a release for tension. Music senior Chloe Gill, graphic communications senior, looks to singing as an outlet.

"I think a lot of people come into choir to get away from the rigid expectations of their classes," said Gill, who is a member of Polyphonics. "It's really fun to be able to have a time where we can all do something that's really opposite from our normal everyday classes and our normal everyday schedules."

"It heals you," she added. "It's just so beneficial to a crazy, stressed out Cal Poly student."

Cal Poly Choirs is open to everyone regardless of their singing experience.

"Cultures all across the world (sing) all the time with their friends and family without any kind of embarrassment," said Gill. "It's something as a culture we really don't do and we should."

"If every student who was here gave up because they can't sing high notes like Mariah Carey, we'd have nobody do it," added Davies. "We have a group of really talented people here who have something to say through their music."

Gill, originally from Seattle, began singing in her first choir at age 12. She has been a member of Polyphonics since her freshman year and has participated in every performance. Her parents have even flown in from Washington a number of times to see her perform and have always supported her decision to sing.

"I probably wouldn't have come this far with singing if they hadn't," Gill said.

Davies can't remember a time when he did not sing. As a piano major in college, he sang in college groups and eventually found his calling in conducting. He received his Bachelor of Music Education, his master's degree and doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from the University of Southern California. He has taught at Cal Poly ever since.

"I just love being here. We enjoy each other as a faculty, we like getting up, coming to work, and the main reason is because we have such neat students," said Davies.

Cal Poly Choirs' first concert entitled "American Idols" will be held on Oct. 25. The program will feature American music and the work of composers that worked during the Revolutionary War Period. Spirituals, which came from African American tradition and typically a religious background, will be included, as well as classical and folk pieces, all of which deal with music from this country.

The holiday season is always popular for choir performances and the annual "A Christmas Celebration" event is right around the corner. It will be held on Dec. 6 and tickets should be purchased well in advance. The Christmas concert is particularly popular because it features carols, which audience members can sing along to. All performances take place in the Performing Arts Center.

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Isolated town surprises readers

honest) in such a way that I could not help but be amused.

Moving on from the local coffee hangout where Horace and his old buddies discuss the past, we find a new, timid and young teacher Julia taking down drink after drink with her new friend/enemy, Naomi. It seems that Julia has taken to Owl in a way she did not expect, and although at first greatly depressed by her meager surroundings, finds her popularity rather addicting.

More courageous when intoxicated, Julia is soon drunk most nights of the week. Developing an obsession with the only man in the bar who won't ask her out, her drinking becomes more haphazard, and her thoughts more hilarious. I loved how Klosterman dictates conversations she would have in a "what she said," and "what she thought" format. These can be two very different things, and it is most endearing to watch Julia sink her way further and further into the blissful ignorance that encompasses most Owl residents.

When we arrive at the town's football field, we get to know Mitch, who would be more suited

reading or writing a novel than throwing passes. Mitch solemnly meanders through life in Owl, disgusted by his teenage-girl-impregnating-teacher and coach John Laidlaw. Mitch despises Laidlaw for more reasons than his relations with Mitch's longtime crush.

Mitch's all-encompassing hatred for Laidlaw makes him inwardly homicidal, plotting the murder of his pompous teacher. He despises the negligent nature of Owl's citizens and is sure that in any other town he would be in jail. But since he is not, Mitch slowly loses faith in life and monotonously displays his general disappointing snippets of his meaningless life to the reader.

Interestingly, the novel's three main characters have little or no interaction, which I suppose is a

realistic approach. Why would they, really? They all lead very different lives in the town and have little reason to come into contact with one another.

Although they don't interact, the parallels between the three of them are abundantly apparent, like the huge blaringly loud one that reads: "I live an unfulfilled life."

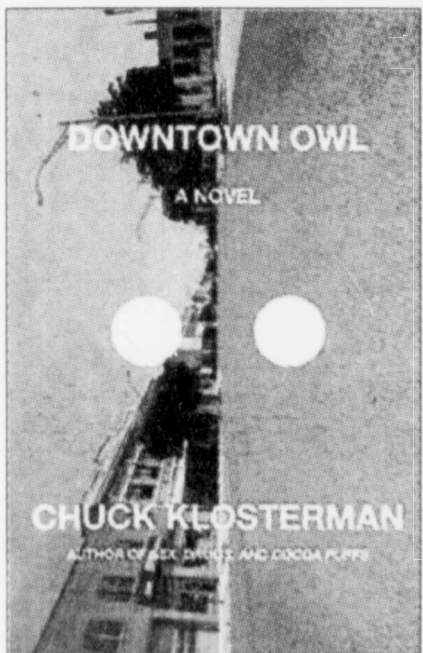
Even though the novel is not all that eventful, its sparsity is not a drawback at all. Klosterman has a way of delivering lines that are so clever and perfect, you may not even notice the familiar line the plot takes throughout. Until the end that is, which presents something unexpected and horrific. I was completely shocked, and want to tell you about it, but I really can't. You'll just have to "Read This!"

Next week's book is Pulitzer Prize winner, "The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," by Junot Diaz. Happy reading!

Chuck Klosterman's new novel, "Downtown Owl," forces us to take a break from pop culture. Go ahead, turn off your TV, throw your cell phone in the trash can, and forget that you know who The Rolling Stones are. The people of the town of Owl surely don't care about those things and neither should you.

The year is 1983, and Klosterman's flat but clever prose finds us swimming through the minds and deepest thoughts of three Owl residents. Horace Jones has lived in Owl for 73 years and passes most of his time at the coffee shop, contemplating his dead wife. Mitch Hricka is a high school football pseudo-star with an insight beyond the simplicity of Owl. Julia Rabia is Owl's newest social studies teacher and the new love interest of every single male in the town.

Poor Horace. Although he is an old widower, he just will not let you feel that sorry for him. I wanted to, but it was impossible. He reflects to the reader his past regrets and the odd way his wife passed on. But no matter what, he just cannot be sympathized with. I think that was what was so sardonically entertaining about him. Klosterman's writing conveys a perfect mental picture of Horace. He is never described in physical detail, but somehow that doesn't matter. He is almost morbid (or perhaps just brutally



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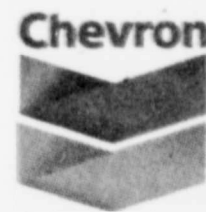
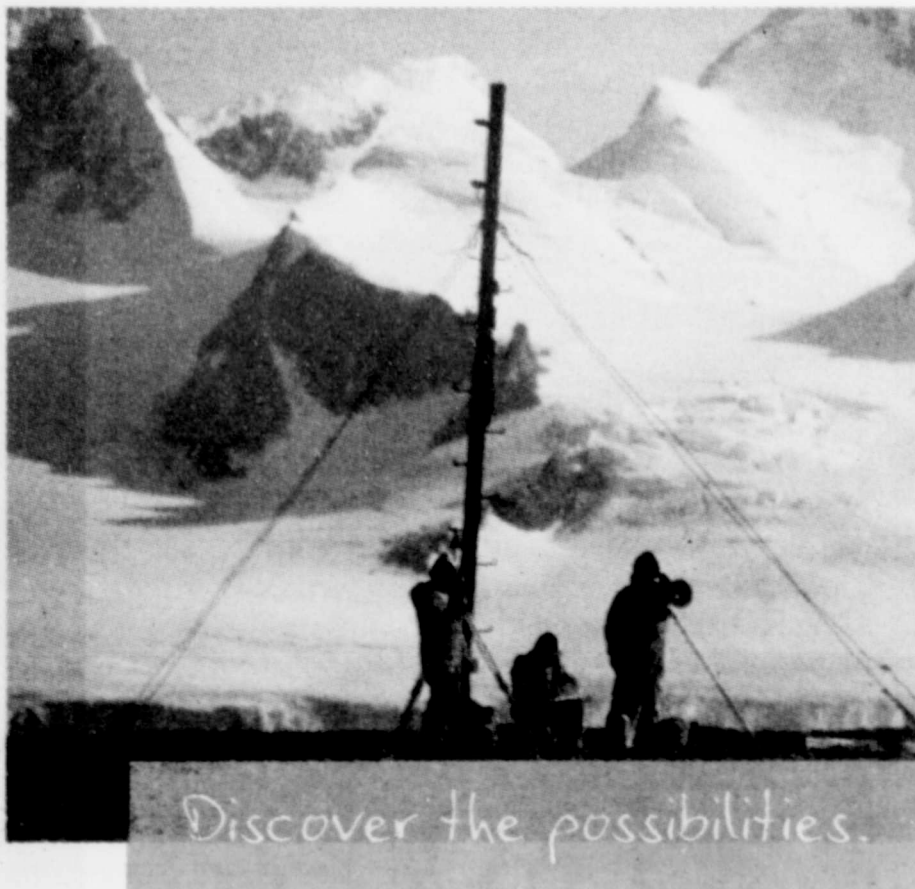
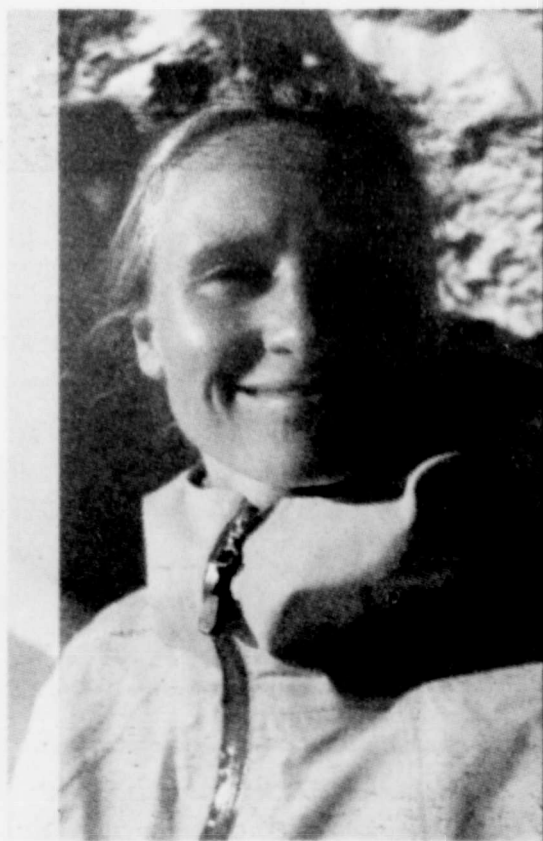
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guest commentary

Debates inspire appreciation for Alaska's rugged endurance

Hailed as the Super Bowl of the political arena, expectations were high over the influence Thursday's VP debate would have on the world we wake up to November 5. The face-off was hyped up to be a bloody clash between a brilliantly skilled orator: Joe Biden, and a rambling yet adorable airhead: Sarah Palin. Palin's performance was also expected to either make or break McCain's vies for the White House.

Biden's track record and recognition with the public speaks for itself. This debate was about Sarah Palin and her ability to establish herself as a viable candidate for the White House.

Palin's candidacy for the White House was not established, nor did she meet even lowered expectations of political intelligence compared with Senator Biden.

The night began with a question perhaps unintentionally picked up on the mics from Sarah Palin to Biden: "Can I call ya Joe?" This set the tone for the night — and made something in me cringe. It was clear from her question and proven by her performance in the debate that Sarah intended to be casual with Senator Biden and with the American public. At one point when talking about education, she gave a shout out to her brother in Alaska, a teacher, and his third grade class, a tactic pundits said they had never seen employed. The persona she presented to the American public was almost flirtatious — frequently winking, using phrases like "You betcha", and at one point clucking, "Say it ain't so, Joe."

I understand this is her personality, but is the level of fraternity she displays a virtue we wish to export to collaborate with and speak on our behalf to important foreign dignitaries, and to represent important resolutions we will proffer in the world? I think the world and America needs and deserves more cerebral stamina to confront the serious problems we are likely to face in places like Darfur, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, which were central topics Thursday night.

Another concern that should be focused on when the spin rooms are emptied and honest discussion begins, is to take a look at how many sound policy answers Palin offered. I would note that Palin gave no post-presidential debate interviews

the week before the debates, which is certainly a new campaign strategy (not tactic!) being employed by the McCain camp.

Perhaps she was busy memorizing McCain's answers, because the few nuances of policy she mentioned were simply a rehashing of McCain's words last week.

When asked about a possible achilles heel, Palin posed only her strengths. When asked about taxes and economics, Palin offered simple anecdotes about the average American's needs and attempted to insert herself into their world, at times hypothesizing about what one such American might say with regard to the topics at hand. She certainly does not speak for me, a product of the middle class.

The McCain-cham-

Palin tax policy pions



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"trickle down economics" — policies that have been in practice for the past eight years. Do they work? I think we can all answer that question.

Biden offered policy, facts and solutions. He gave a four-point plan on the Obama exit strategy for Iraq, and was correct in noting that Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki and the Bush Administration are now advocates for this strategy (not tactic!). I was surprised that Obama failed to mention this fact at the presidential debate last week.

Biden spoke about his and Obama's tested, successful, cohesive tax policy that we know works from the successful \$127 billion surplus yielded by the Clinton administration.

Biden spoke about the relationship between middle class Americans and the importance of a progressive tax policy with conviction, at one point choking up when being forced to defend his own background of being a single parent, in lieu of Palin diminishing the authenticity of Biden's convictions and support for the middle class.

At this point, Palin clearly crossed a line.

What I think the media did not expect about Palin's performance was the arrogance she displayed. At one point toward the end of the debate, Palin suggested that she and McCain represented "a perfect ideal" of tolerance and democracy. Biden exuded humility, sound intelligence, hope and a powerful example of the value of hard work.

For all of her attempts to criticize Biden for over-emphasizing the Bush administration, she echoed many of Bush's talking points on democracy, and an adherence to a self-important, egocentric ideology. And I, for one, am tired of the closed-minded, theocratic, elitist politicians that she exemplifies. America desperately needs politicians like Joe Biden. We cannot handle 12 years of George W. Bush; the resulting policies would build the ultimate bridge to nowhere.

That said, if the Palin-McCain ticket does succeed, we may need to take a look at how Alaska endured her governance, because the answer to that question increasingly eludes me.

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.



Proposition 8 supporters please stop saying that four judges all of a sudden decided to overturn the 2000 vote. From the instant Proposition 22 passed, it was legally challenged. The 2008 ruling was the culmination of much work from our judiciary, study, thought, debate and legal precedent; it was not some instantaneous decision. The arguments being made by Proposition 8 proponents are all skewed, illogical and/or scare tactics with no foundation. If you are against 8, just be honest about your reason: religious belief. It is a totally fair argument especially since faith

has no basis in fact. Then of course we can discuss why religion has no place in civil decisions. Any religious institution should and will be able to refuse to marry ANY couple they do not want to, but the State cannot do that. And by the way, I am a religious person.

— Melissa
Response to "Prop 8 protects marriage"

Thank you Cassandra Carlson for your input. Even though you probably won't change many traditionalists, who have ingrained religious prejudices against homosexuals, we are definitely seeing a change in society where tolerance and live and let live is going to become the norm. If Proposition 8 fails, I hope it sends a message to religious people we are tired of them trying to force their beliefs upon the rest of us. Just because they may not like other people's

choices in life or lifestyles, that's no reason to deny them their rights and dignity. I just don't understand what has happened to people of faith in last couple decades, how they have become so intolerant, mean-spirited and untruthful. They have stopped focusing on teaching love of fellow man and spiritual salvation to instead wading into politics to legislatively force their ideologies on people. It's time to get religion back in the churches and out of politics — like our politicians in Washington, politics is corrupting people of faith.

— VT Moreno
Response to "Prop 8 protects marriage"

Marrying a same-sex lover isn't a civil right. Proposition 8 isn't out to remove rights. In America, we all have the "right" to have a relationship. But what about the legal right to marry? For centuries, civil marriage protect-

ed society and children by making marriage a legal institution between a man and a woman. On March 7, 2000, 61 percent of California voters passed Prop. 22 — to keep marriage between a man and a woman. On May 15, 2008, four judges overturned the will of voters and said same-sex marriage was a "right." The question is, why stop there? If gays have a right to get married, then how can they say a man doesn't have the right to marry his daughter, or a minor, or three women? The same-sex marriage movement has more to do with validation and social respect than legal rights. But the cost to the rest of society is far too much to pay. Go to www.iprotectmarriage.com for more. Vote YES on PROPOSITION 8!

— Nightfly
Response to "Prop 8 protects marriage"

Life's too short to be apathetic

If you find yourself lounging somewhere on campus today and you happened to forget to bring your iPod, I implore you to casually listen to the conversations of passersby. Not eavesdropping per se — more like changing the frequency on the radio dial. See what topics you can pick up. Hear what it is that other people tend to spend their time and breath talking about. Is any of it worthwhile discussion?

I seem to notice that most of the time it isn't. I'm guilty of it at times too. Sometimes there is that justifiable knee-jerk reaction to talk to your friends about the weekend escapades. But more recently I've become very aware and alarmed at just how insulated and self-involved the average American student can be.

What really scares me is how many uneducated and uninformed Americans there are in this modern age of information. When we have the veritable world at our fingertips, why is it that so many people tend to automatically go for the proverbial 'cookie jar' of celebrity gossip instead of reading something more substantial, relevant and meaningful? Look, just as life is too short to drink lousy beer, it's also too short to waste time thinking about menial topics. The economy is taking a nose-dive, the most important presidential election of our era is right around the corner, and yet still so many people lull themselves into mind-numbing conversations about sub-par reality TV shows. We have such high-functioning brains (frontal lobes and all!) — we should be putting them to better use.

There's this great William Osler quote that goes something along the lines of: "By far the most dangerous foe we have to fight is apathy; indifference from whatever cause, not from a lack of knowledge, but from carelessness, from absorption in other pursuits, from a contempt bred of self-satisfaction."

As Robert Bartlett states in his 2003 article, 'Souls Without Longing,' "There is a malaise spreading among America's college and university students, one that extends into the uppermost reaches of their hearts and minds, robbing them of delights at the moment they seem poised to enjoy them. This malaise leaves students with little direction

or lasting desire and restricts their capacity to conceive of a noble and rewarding life; it encourages their pursuit of artificial and extreme joys that somehow always yield to lassitude or disappointment. The direction they should find on campus proves to be as elusive and evanescent as so much else in their lives: Universities have by and large forgotten the Socratic exhortation to "Know Thyself" that must guide an education worthy of the name. As a result, students are ill-equipped to know very much at all, least of all about themselves... the malaise in question is a fundamentally new and especially virulent strain of boredom. Before students can begin to find their way in college, they must first become aware of this new malady of the soul."

As president of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Martin Seligman lamented that today's youth are experiencing "... the worst demoralization we've had since we've been able to measure it..." and linked the epidemic of alienation to lower productivity, lower initiative and higher school absenteeism. Studies demonstrate that apathy is comprised of emotional, social and goal-oriented components.

In a recent interview with Grist.org, Robert Redford said, "I do think there is a pervasive apathy among young people. Some say it's because there's no draft, some say it's the consumerism, some say it's the media. But I also sense change. I think the pendulum might be ready to swing back the other way, where young people start to engage. I think kids are beginning to realize that there's more to life than just having an easy life. It hasn't happened yet on the grand scale, but it's rumbling. I can feel it underneath my feet."

As a college student, you need to critically examine and reflect upon your value system. What do you truly place importance on in your life? Do those values translate over to how you choose to spend your time and energy?

Ben Eckold is a business senior with a minor in sustainable environments. "The Green Spot" will run every in this section every Tuesday. The column features a variety of writers on environmental and sustainability issues.



Overcoming a wave of anxiety

Learning to swim without a raft

I'm nauseous, I can literally feel my heart in my chest, my hands and feet have gone numb and taking a breath feels damn near impossible. I am drowning in my own thoughts and the surface seems far out of reach.

Most people don't understand the severe physical reaction the body can have from anxiety.

I'm often asked if I was a cheerleader in high school because of my bubbly positive demeanor. For the most part I'm your average, happy, easy-going college student. But every now and again anxiety rears its neurotic little head. I know everybody gets nervous sometimes for various reasons, but there is a difference between being nervous and feeling full on anxious.

I have been this way for as long as I can remember. I was the weird little kid that couldn't stay the whole night at sleepover parties. But as time went on I became nervous less and less. I got pretty good at not sweating the small stuff. And I constantly forced myself to leave my comfort zone and seek out situations I knew would be difficult for me, like going away to college. Anxiety may have altered the way I physically felt but I was not going to let control what I did.

It eventually reached a point where my anxiety wasn't a really an issue anymore, or at least I thought so.

But at the end of last spring quarter, I started to feel overwhelmed by life and I was sweating the small stuff again. I hadn't felt this anxious since I came to college. I decided that I wasn't up for forcing my way through it like I'd done before.

I began contemplating taking medication. I'd had friends with similar anxiety struggles whose lives had been changed by finding the right medication. It seemed so much easier, one little pill and I'd be worry free; turns out — not so easy.

I'd never had the desire to try medication before. I didn't like the idea of relying on anything outside myself to remain calm. In my gut, I knew my anxiety wasn't severe enough to need it. I was on medication for a grand total of three days. Needless to say, it was not for me. I felt drugged, incredibly tired

and not myself. The last night I took it, I woke up at 3 a.m. more nervous than I'd ever been in my entire life. I called my doctor who advised me to just stop taking it, saying that it was probably just a "bad fit." Yeah, no kidding.

My friends here were clueless about my past issues with anxiety. But even after I stopped taking the medication, it took the drug a while to leave my system. It was the first week of summer school and I was a mess. I hadn't been open about my struggles in the past because I was afraid people wouldn't understand and that I'd be labeled.

After my experience this summer, I decided I was over it. I told my friends about my history with anxiety and what was going on. I was surprised with the amount of support I received. I wasn't met with judgment, but with genuine concern; they understood that it wasn't my fault.

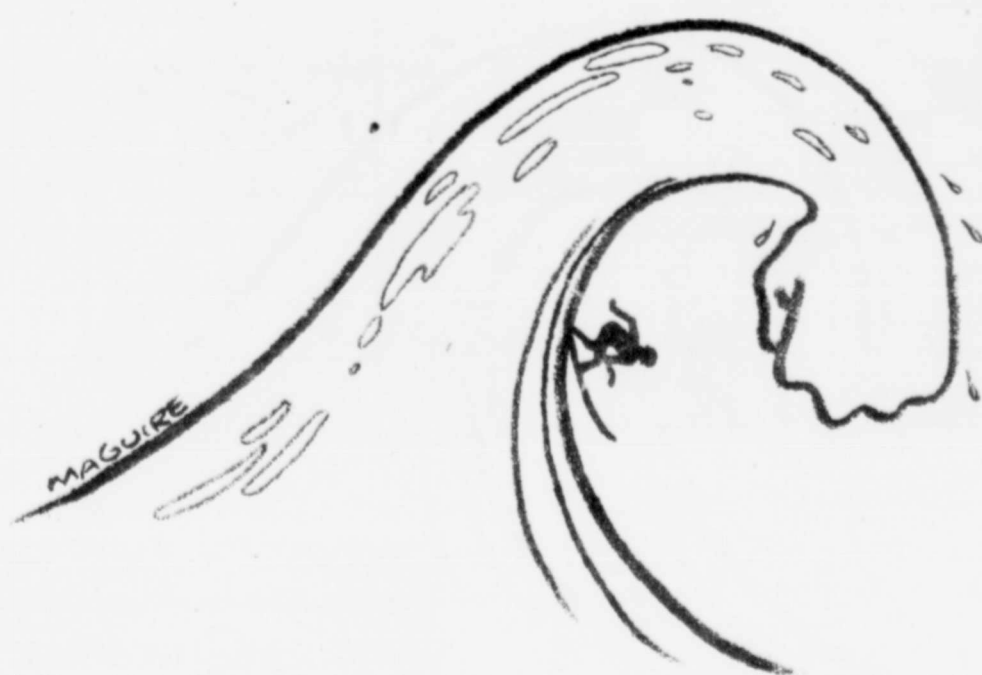
My buddies rallied. My friend Tina headed to Kinko's to photo copy a meditation book that had helped her. My friend Allegra taught me how to surf, which helped me stay in the moment (when you're a beginner it's pretty hard to focus on anything besides paddling out, standing up and not drowning).

I admit there wouldn't be medications like Zoloft, Xanax, and Lexapro if there wasn't a need for them. These are good drugs have helped change the lives of many people.

And even though I had a negative reaction, in a way they helped me too. They helped me to be open about having anxiety and realize that I'm not the only one. Trying medication showed me that I didn't need it and that there are alternative options that work better for me, like exercise, meditation, and counseling.

In a way, medication was the life raft that pulled me up from the depths of anxiety to the surface. Now I know I don't need the raft. I can swim on my own.

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I read your article titled "Bike offenders blame crowded racks" on Oct. 3. I thought it might be good for me to share my experience with bike parking racks on campus.

My company is Peak Racks, which supplies Cal Poly with the majority of their bike racks. I work with Susan Rains at the police department, and quite a few others who work in Facilities Services.

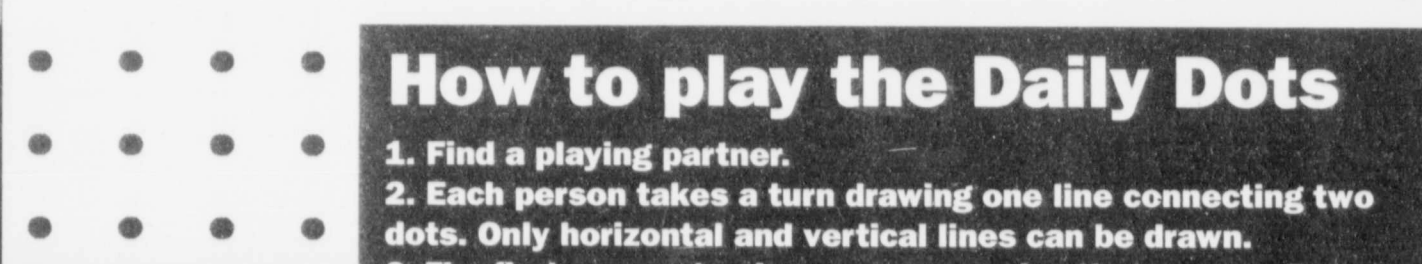
In Susan's defense and to support the efforts of Doug Overman and those who work in Facilities Services, it is my opinion that they are working very hard to purchase new bike racks and get them placed in locations where they are most needed on campus. Currently they have more than \$20,000 worth of bike racks on order and they have purchased that dollar amount in each of the last couple of years.

In the past, Susan has given our company detailed lists of different sizes of bike racks needed for different locations to best suit bike riders' needs on campus. We don't usually see this level of detail from other universities. I have seen numerous examples of Susan promptly responding to comments from riders because she has had me personally meet her on campus to discuss the issues raised.

Please keep riding your bikes and give the officials at Cal Poly your suggestions for where bike parking is needed on campus.

Rod Hoadley
owner, Peak Racks

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ing through the airport," he said.

Ron Reed, who played two seasons with the Detroit Pistons, was the tallest member of manager Danny Ozark's 1977 staff at 6-foot-6. Jim Kaat, Jim Lonborg and Carlton all were 6-5. Larry Christenson was 6-4, an inch taller than Randy Lerch and Warren Brusstar.

Carlton and Tommy John matched up in Games 1 and 4 that year. The series clincher was played in a steady rain, and John outdueled the Phillies' ace 4-1 at Veterans Stadium to give Lasorda a pennant in his first season after replacing Walter Alston as manager.

"Tommy went nuts and let a lot of emotion out after that game," Monday said. "You have to realize, there was a great deal of attention focused upon Tommy since day one of spring training on how he was going to fill the shoes of a Hall of Fame manager. Well, he filled them very well. He filled them with a Hall of Fame career of his own."

Lasorda and his players were soaked way before they got their hands on the champagne bottles in the clubhouse. A number of Phillies players felt the game should have been postponed because of the elements.

"It was ridiculous, playing that game. But we had to play it because of TV and how much they get for broadcasting those games," Bowa said. "We thought before it even started that it shouldn't have been played. I mean, (then-NL President) Chub Feeney was sitting in the stands without a raincoat, and he was just drenched. But once it started, the rain was the last thing on your mind, really."

Monday defended Feeney's decision to let the game continue.

"It wasn't a driving rain, it was just a very annoying rain," he said. "But if we didn't finish that game,

the weather forecast was deplorable and then it would come down to how long would we have to wait to finish the game. Had it been on something other than AstroTurf, that game probably would have been called."

Longtime Phillies fans also remember the previous day at the Vet — especially that fly ball to left field.

Philadelphia took a 5-3 lead into the ninth and Manny Mota, now a Dodgers coach, hit a drive that sent left fielder Greg Luzinski — a slugger nicknamed "The Bull" — to the wall. The ball bounced off Luzinski's glove for an RBI double, the key hit of the inning.

"For some reason, (Ozark) didn't pull Bull for defense and put in Jerry Martin, which we did it all year," Bowa said. "It was a fly ball. Bull was a big guy, so he didn't get back to the wall quickly enough. And when he jumped, he hit the wall. Martin was very athletic, and he would have been camped under that ball. Greg took it very hard. In Philadelphia, they call it 'Black Friday.' But you never blame one guy."

The Dodgers lost the World Series to the New York Yankees in 1977 and 1978. The Phillies got their chance to move on in 1983 — after losing 11 of 12 to the Dodgers and getting shut out five times during the regular season, they trounced Los Angeles.

Gary Matthews homered in the final three games of that series and was MVP of the NLCS. The Phillies finished off the four-game victory before a raucous home crowd.

"I will tell you this: I've been in a lot of stadiums over 19 years in the major leagues and been fortunate to play in some World Series and some playoff games. But I don't know if I've ever heard a stadium louder than Veterans Stadium," Monday said.

"It got to the point where you could feel the sound. That's how loud it was," he said.

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Cal Poly's offense kept putting its defense back on the field, as five of its seven touchdown drives took five or fewer plays.

"We're not going to do anything to slow our offense down," Ellerson said. "If the defense is tired, all they've got to do is stop them and they can get a break."

"Our offense is not designed to get first downs — it's designed to get touchdowns," he added. "We have to learn to deal with that. What we need to do is raise our level of play consistently on defense."

The Mustangs entered last week leading the country in sacks per game, with five, and recorded two take-aways.

"I like where we're at," Hives explained. "I like the fact we're still growing and we haven't reached our potential yet."

The recent quick-strike tendencies of the offense, Hives said, have posed a new challenge, but also a little entertainment.

"We'll walk over to the bench and (soon) hear the crowd go crazy," he laughed. "It's kind of like, 'Can you take a little bit more time to score?' But at the same time it's so fun and exciting to watch."

Shotwell wouldn't have it any other way, either.

"Defensively, we really thrive on it and want to get the ball back in the offense's hands," he said. "Putting that many points up early puts the other team in a position where they're playing from behind. It really narrows down what they can do offensively."

Having another week off before a "crucial part of the season" and what could amount to a "one-game playoff," Shotwell said, could be a "blessing and advantage," even if it wasn't expected to be the third of its kind.

"We have a serious chip on our shoulder for this game," he explained. "We remember last year very vividly."

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a playoff sweep of the Angels.

Tampa Bay beat out Boston by two games in the AL East this season. The teams also beat each other up during a bench-clearing brawl at Fenway Park in June — the Rays and Red Sox have often scrapped over the years.

Los Angeles was able to force the series to a fourth game with an extra-inning victory Sunday night that snapped an 11-game playoff losing streak against Boston.

As it turned out, that gave the Angels less than an 24 extra hours.

Jon Lester held Los Angeles to four hits in seven shutout innings but lost his chance at a second victory in the series when the Angels

scored twice in the eighth to tie it 2-2. The Angels had a chance to go ahead in the ninth before Erick Aybar, whose 12th-inning single was the winner in Game 3, missed on a squeeze attempt, thwarting the threat.

In the bottom half, Bay lofted a fly ball down the right-field line that Reggie Willits pursued and dove for before it one-hopped into the stands for a ground-rule double. First baseman Mark Teixeira made a diving catch of Mark Kotsay's line drive for the second out before Lowrie grounded a single to right.

Bay raced around third and slid headfirst into home while his teammates poured out of the dugout to celebrate.

Manny Delcarmen got two outs in the ninth for the win, squelching the Angels' chances to take the lead.

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Mustangs can't say bye-bye to byes yet

Cal Poly embarks on its third bye week over a five-week period during its first regular season with fewer than 11 games since 1993

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Rich Ellerson's not a mind reader. Still, the head coach of the Cal Poly football team had a pretty good idea Monday what the focus of the school's weekly athletics news conference at Mott Gym would be.

"Yes, we have another bye," he said, beginning a rapid-fire satire while reporters situated their microphones and recorders before asking any questions. "Yes, it's a positive. Yes, it'll be fine."

He's had plenty of recent experience providing those kinds of answers, and more than

enough reason to anticipate inquiries of the same nature.

After all, the Mustangs, whose third-week meeting with McNeese State in Lake Charles, La. was canceled due to Hurricane Ike, are beginning their third bye week over a five-week period, leaving the program with its first regular season featuring fewer than 11 games since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision (then Division I-AA) level in 1994.

"It's definitely a different kind of season," Cal Poly junior defensive end Ryan Shotwell said. "To have three (byes) is really unusual."

Mustangs senior linebacker Fred Hives II even called the trio of off dates an "unheard of" occurrence.

"It would definitely have to be the most unusual season I've been a part of," he said. "Having three bye weeks, I've

never seen that before."

A typical 11-game schedule was hard enough to string together before the season even started. The causes were numerous and varied. The Mustangs play in the FCS state with the fewest FCS teams per capita — and a part of the state that is not easy to travel to. Sacramento State ducked renewing a non-conference series that spanned from 1983 to 2006 after Cal Poly soundly won its last four installments. And five consecutive seasons with at least seven wins, coupled with 10 starters returning from a 2007 offense that finished behind only national champion Appalachian State led to a handful of top-15 rankings that surely scared some would-be sparring partners off.

Consequently, Cal Poly — which contacted every FCS team in the country, athletic director Alison Cone said — found itself looking ahead to two

Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A) foes and one in transition from Division II.

The same problems that existed before the season were complicated with the rest of the country already playing, making midseason efforts to fill Saturday's open date unsuccessful.

Needing at least seven wins against fully-fledged Division I competition for playoff consideration, Cal Poly's urgency heading into its opportunities was intensified by McNeese State's cancellation.

But the Mustangs (3-1), ranked No. 7 in both the FCS coaches and Sports Network media polls, are staying upbeat.

"Unlike the first (bye), we anticipated this one," Ellerson said. "Unlike the last one, we didn't necessarily want to have a bye this week."

Even so, it could be fortuitous heading into an Oct. 18 match-up at No. 23/25 South Dakota

State (3-3), also entering a bye week.

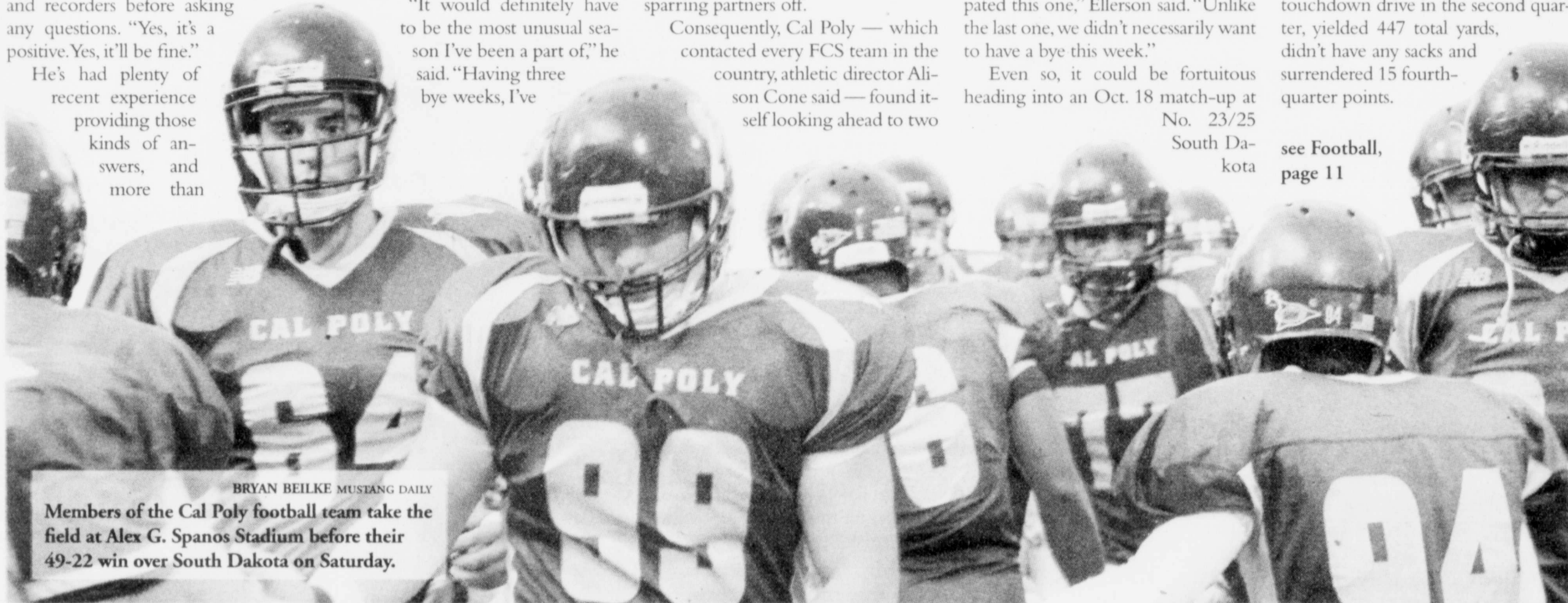
"The silver lining on this is that it allows us to prepare for the stretch and go into the stretch as well conditioned, as strong and as healthy as any team in the country," Ellerson added.

Last year, the Mustangs fell to the Jackrabbits 48-35 — also in Brookings, S.D. — as Cory Koenig rushed for 259 yards, the second-most by an opponent in Cal Poly history.

"A year ago they beat us up," Ellerson said. "Some of the things that were a challenge in that game were a challenge the other night."

He was referring to Saturday's 49-22 win over South Dakota at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, where the Mustangs allowed a 14-play, 98-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, yielded 447 total yards, didn't have any sacks and surrendered 15 fourth-quarter points.

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BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

Members of the Cal Poly football team take the field at Alex G. Spanos Stadium before their 49-22 win over South Dakota on Saturday.

Phils, Dodgers meet up in NLCS

Joe Resnick
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Back in the era of cookie-cutter stadiums, polyester pullovers and artificial turf, baseball had another familiar sight: Phillies vs. Dodgers for the NL pennant.

"It seemed like every time we turned around, there were the Phillies," former Los Angeles center fielder Rick Monday recalled.

They played in the 1977 NL championship series and the next year, too. Both times, Tom Lasorda and the Dodgers won the best-of-five match-up in four games.

Decked out in powder-blue uniforms, Philadelphia did better in the 1983 NLCS and beat the Dodgers in four.

They're set to meet again in the NLCS, starting Thursday in Philadelphia.

"Obviously, this series brings back a lot of memories and just rekindles those games we had with them," said former Phillies shortstop Larry Bowa, now the Dodgers' third-base coach. "We couldn't beat them those two years that I played, but they were

good, competitive series and we just came up short."

Bowa will see a familiar face across the field. Former Dodgers second



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Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Jonathan Broxton celebrates L.A.'s sweep of the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

baseman Davey Lopes is the Phillies' first-base coach.

Eight players appeared in all three series between the teams, including Phillies star third baseman Mike Schmidt, pitchers Steve Carlton and Ron Reed and center fielder Garry Maddox.

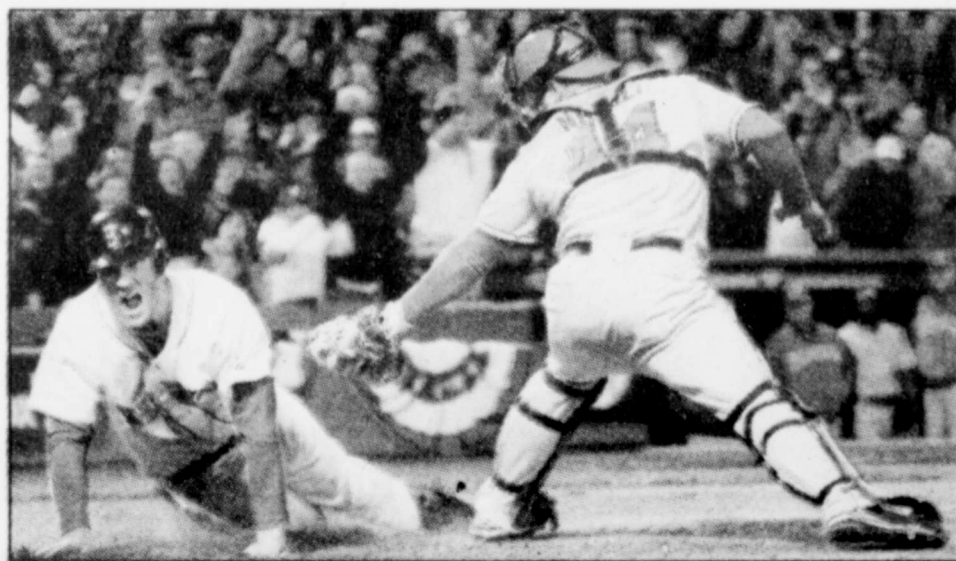
Four Dodgers played in each one: shortstop Bill Russell, catcher Steve Yeager, left fielder Dusty Baker and Monday, in his 15th full season as one of the team's broadcasters.

"To this day, Larry Bowa and I talk about some of the games we played against one another," Monday said. "There was such a respect that I had for Larry and some of the other Phillies, because it was the truest sense of competition on one of the biggest stages that you can play on — the postseason. Now we have a chance to reflect on it a little bit more."

Led by Carlton, the Phillies brought plenty of pitching. Their arms were not the only thing that made an impression on Monday.

"We also knew they had a pitching staff that, if they were in street clothes, would look like an NBA team travel-

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The Boston Red Sox's Jason Bay (left) scores the game-winning run past Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli in Boston on Monday.

Red Sox move on

Jimmy Golen
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BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox brushed aside the 100-win Angels in four games, dismissing their best-in-baseball regular season as last month's news.

When it turns to October, no one dominates like Boston.

Moments after the Angels botched a suicide squeeze, Jason Bay slid headfirst into home plate to score on Jed Lowrie's two-out single in the ninth inning. The defending World Series champions beat Los

Angeles 3-2 Monday night in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series and advanced to play for the AL pennant for the fourth time in six seasons.

The wild-card Red Sox, who also won it all in 2004, will have a chance at a third title in five years if they can get past the Rays in the best-of-seven AL championship series that starts Friday night at Tampa Bay. Boston is 31-16 in October since the turn of the century, and both World Series runs began with

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